ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಗೋಪಾಲ ಗೌಡ.—ಲೋಕಲ್ ಎಂದರೇನು?

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—The Hon'ble Member Sri Gopala Gowda will kindly resume his seat.

Compensation to the Family Members of late Sri Chandrasekhar Patil

*Q.—108 Sri S. RUDRAPPA (Kalgi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Road Transport Corporation has decided to pay compensation to the family members of late Sri Chandrasekhar Patil ;

(*b*) if so, what is the quantum of compensation proposed to be paid ;

(*c*) the principles on which compensation question was decided ?

*A.—Sri D. DEVARAJ URS (Minister for labour, Housing and Transport).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of the answer to clause (*a*) above.

(*c*) The compensation claim has been referred to the Mysore Government Insurance Department for necessary action as all the vehicles of the Mysore State Road Transport Corporation have been insured with them against third party risks.

Sri S RUDRAPPA.- Is it not a fact that Government has taken a decision to pay compensation to the extent of Rs. 33, 00 to Smt. Chandrasekhar Patil and Rs 15,000 to the children?

(No reply.)

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Once again I crave the indulgence of the Chair. If the Assembly is to be treated like this, why should we meet at all and why not we adjourn? This is not the first time that this has happened. We have been meeting from the 26th February and many a time it has happened that the concerned Minister is not present in the House and Speaker goes to his rescue and holds over the question. Today also the concerned Minister is not present. This is a very important and burning question on which we want to put many supplementaries, but the Minister is not here.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I will take note of it.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್ ಹುಚ್ಚಮಾಸ್ತಿ ಗೌಡ.—ಸ ಬ ಧಪಟ್ಟ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಇಲ್ಲದಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಈ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯನ್ನು ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ಹೆರ್ಡ್ ಓವರ್ ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಹೇಳ್ತೀನೆ....

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—It cannot be. He has not sent a message to you that he is held up in the Upper House or has gone out of Bangalore. If the Government is to treat this House as a primary school and the members of this House as primary School boys, what is the use of our being here?

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I have already told that I will take note of this. This question will be held over.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—I request the Chair to be very firm. It is very much regrettable that the Treasury Benches should treat this House with such scant courtesy and the Minister should be absent without intimation to the Chair.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I have told him that I have taken note of it.

Sri ANGADI CHANNABASAPPA. Here there are several Ministers present. The Transport Minister could have asked some other Minister to give the information.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—I want to know under what provision of the rules you are holding over this question. Either the Minister concerned should have informed the Chair that he would be absent and so the question might be held up, or the question can be held over for gathering more information. In the absence of either of these two, I want to know how you are going to hold over this question. Several times the Treasury Benches have said 'Ministry' means any one of the Ministers. Is it a case now that no other Minister present now is capable of answering this question and so you are just holding over the question.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—They may not be having the file with them and so they may not be able to answer.

Sri K. H. RANGANATH —I rise to a point of order. The question was called by the Speaker. It was put by the member and so the House is seized of the question. Is it in order now for some member to ask that the question be held over? When the House is seized of the question, it must be answered.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I have held over the question. The Hon'ble Member is aware that these things have happened so many times and whatever may be the reason, whether there was proper reason or not, we have held over questions so many times. Why the Minister remained absent or why the question could not be answered is a different question.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—The relevant point is this. You have allowed the question to be put and the member has put the question. Then on the side of the Treasury Benches the Leader of the House must say whether he is able to answer or not. But none of the members from the Treasury Benches came forward and said that this question should be held over or anything like that. But the Whip of the Congress Party is answering. Is he representing the Treasury Benches, I want to know. If one of the Ministers had made this request, I would have accepted. But no such request has come from any Minister here except from the Whip of the Congress Party. Can you accept it?

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—It is not that no Minister is present here. We have got 3 or 4 Ministers present and they should have taken the responsibility. Nobody other than Government can take responsibility.

Sri V. M. DEO.—I want to register my emphatic protest against this House being treated with scant respect. I ask you to take an independent decision and depart from the usual procedure to pull up not only the Whip of the Party Sri Hutchmaste Gowda but also call for an explanation from the Chief Minister and place it on the table of the House.

ಶ್ರೀ ಆರ್. ಎಸ್. ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀಪತಿ.—ತಾವು ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಹಾಕಲು ಅವಕಾಶ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೀರಿ ಆದರೆ ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಸಭೆಯುಲ್ಲಲ್ಲದಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ತಮ್ಮ ಗೌರವಕ್ಕೆ ಈಗ ಚ್ಯುತಿಬಂದಂತಾಗಲಲ್ಲವೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಗೋಪಾಲಗೌಡ.—ಈ ದಿವಸದ ಮೊದಲನೆಯ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಕುಂದೂರು ರುದ್ರಪ್ಪನವರ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ ಶ್ರೀ ನಿಜಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪನವರು ಉತ್ತರ ಕೊಡಬೇಕಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಬೇರೊಬ್ಬ ಉಪ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಉತ್ತರಕೊಟ್ಟರು. ಈಗ ಸಭೆಯ ಮುಂದಿರುವಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ ಶ್ರೀ ದೇವರಾಜ ಅರಸರು ಉತ್ತರ ಕೊಡಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ. ಇವರು ಈ ಒಂದು ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೇ ಅಲ್ಲದೆ ಇನ್ನೂ ಎರಡು ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ ಉತ್ತರ ಕೊಡಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ. ಆದರೆ ಅವರೀಗ ಗೈರಾಜರಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಈಗ ಈ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯನ್ನು ಮುಂದಕ್ಕೆ ಹಾಕುವಹಾಗಿಲ್ಲ. ಅವರು ತಮಗೇನಾದರೂ ಮುಂಚಿತವಾಗೇ ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದರೇ ಅದರ ಕ್ರಮ ಬೇರೆಯಾಗುತ್ತಿತ್ತು. ಈಗ ಈ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯನ್ನು ಕರೆದ ನಂತರ ವಿಥ್ ಹೋಲ್ಡ್ ಓವರ್ ಮಾಡಿ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರು. ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ರೂಲಿಂಗ್ ಕೊಡಬೇಕು. ಆ ರೂಲಿಂಗ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟನಂತರ ಸಭೆ ಮುಂದುವರಿಯಲಿ.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—There is no question of treating the House with scant courtesy or respect. I can assure the members that Government and the Treasury Benches hold the House in the highest esteem. While regretting the absence of the Minister for Transport and Labour, I beg to submit to the Chair that there must be some most unavoidable reason for his absence today. Normally such lapses do not occur on the part of any Minister. If due to some reason or the other any Minister is unable to be present during question hour, when his questions are put down for answer on the floor of the House, either they are entrusted to a colleague of his or the Minister writes in advance to the Chair seeking the permission of the Chair to be absent. It has been the practice and we value that. But today unfortunately we do not know under what circumstances the Minister for Transport is unable to be present at this hour. Without knowing that it would not be proper to make a sweeping remark that the Government is treating this House with scant respect. I again submit that there is no question of treating the House or any member of this House with scant courtesy. I request the Chair to hold over the question so that it may be taken up either tomorrow or later today.

10 A.M.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Sir, your throat is bad; why do you take the trouble of coming, Sir?

Mr. SPEAKER.—Because the trouble is created by you.

(*Laughter.*)

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಗೋಪಾಲಗೌಡ.—ಬಹುಶಃ ಅವ್ರು ಪ್ರಶ್ನೋತ್ತರ ವೇಳೆಗೆ ಬರುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೆಂಬುದೇ ಕಾರಣವಿರಬಹುದು.

Mr. SPEAKER.—We are condemning a man without knowing the facts. Elementary principle of justice is that no person should be condemned until he is heard. Sri D. Devaraj Urs is not here. As to what are the extraordinary circumstances that have prevented him from attending the Assembly are not known.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಗೋಪಾಲಗೌಡ.—ಈಗ ಫೋನ್ ಮತ್ತು ಟೆಲಿಗ್ರಾಂ ಬಂದಿರುವಾಗ ತಾವು ಹಿಂದಿನ ಕಾಲದ್ದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಾ ಇದ್ದೀರಿ.

Sri K. H. RANGANATH.—I had raised a point of order. It was a question pertaining to Sri Kundur Rudrappa. The Speaker asked the member to put the question and the Hon'ble Member did it. Then there were some points raised. We are not concerned about the presence of the minister or not. But in the meanwhile when the question is seized by the House, one of the members of this House asked the Chair to hold over the question to a future date. My point of order is, whether it is in order for a member to ask the question to be held over for some other day when the question has become the property of the House.

ಶ್ರೀ ಅಂಗಡಿ ಚನ್ನಬಸಪ್ಪ.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಹೋಗಲಿಕ್ಕೆ ನನ್ನ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆ ಇಲ್ಲ. ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ ಉತ್ತರ ಕೊಡುವುದು ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಬ್ಬ ಮಂತ್ರಿಯು ಕರ್ತವ್ಯ. ಒಂದುವೇಳೆ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗೆಳೇನಾದರೂ ಗೈರುಹಾಜರಿಯಾಗುವುದು ಗೊತ್ತಾದರೆ ಆ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಫೈಲನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದು ಇನ್ನೊಬ್ಬ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಈ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಉತ್ತರ ಹೇಳಬಹುದಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಅದನ್ನೂ ಕೂಡ ಈ ಮಂತ್ರಿಮಂಡಲ ಮಾಡಲಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ನಾನು ಬಹಳ ವಿಷಾದದಿಂದ ಹೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I do not know whether the Hon'ble Member Sri K. H. Ranganath has forgotten what is done during the Question Hour. If questions are insufficiently answered or improperly answered, such Questions are withheld. It is one thing for the Speaker to hold over a question.

Secondey every member has a right to make a suggestion that a particular question may be held over. The Hon'ble Member in this case has suggested that the question might be held over; he has not ordered; no Minister can pass an order in the House nor any Member can do so. The only person who passes an order in the House is the Speaker. When questions are insufficiently answered, if the Minister is not heard who says that the question might be held over? I can show a number of instances where the Speaker has held over questions on such occasions. Therefore, apart from precedence, the position is very clear. The right to hold over a question is that of the Chair and if the Chair exercises it, no body can object. Why does the Chair do it? Not because the Chair is whimsical. The Chair does so under certain circumstances when the matter covered by the question has not been dealt with sufficiently, in the interest of the House, in the interest of the State, and if the Minister is not present and so on. Even if there is no request to hold over a question, when once it is listed, it becomes the property of the House. And when it is the property of the House, it is for the Speaker to say that it might be held over. Therefore, there is no point of order.

Sri Angadi Channabasappa raised another point.

Sri ANGADI CHANNABASAPPA.—Sir, it is a question of joint responsibility of the whole Ministry and any person of the ministry, either a Parliamentary Secretary, or Deputy Minister or Minister could have sent for the paper from the concerned Secretariat and made available the answer. Even that they have failed.

Sri R. M. PATIL (Minister for Home).—I request the member to put the question. I will answer it.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Sir, why do you strain yourself? You are not in a position to speak. Please go and take rest.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The status of the House, and the prestige of the House, are more important than my health.

Sri V. M. DEO.—Sir, I want to know whether the Speaker can come and take the Chair without the certificate of the Medical Officer

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—Sir, when the question was put before the House, the Hon'ble Deputy Speaker just looked at the treasury benches to see if there is anybody coming forward to answer. Unfortunately no body stood up. Then the Whip of the Congress Party stood up and said that the question might be held over because the concerned Minister is not here. I raised a point of order, whether it was any order for any member to make a suggestion like that. It is rather a reflection on the ministry.

Sri V. M. DEO.—Sir, you came here to see that the prestige of the House is maintained. We take you at your word because have always a great esteem for you. But the fact remains that you have given leave for the Hon'ble Home Minister to reply. After all these discussions, is it right for the Minister to come and say that he will answer. Does that not mean that this House is not being treated properly.

ಶ್ರೀ ಗಂಗಾಧರ ನಾಪೋಷಿ —ಈ ಸಭೆಯು ಡಿಗ್ನಿಟಿ ಮತ್ತು ದಸ್ಟಾನ್ನು ಬಿಟ್ಟು ಬಿಟ್ಟು ಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗಬೇಕೆಂದು ತಾವು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಿರುತ್ತೀರಿ. ಇಂತಹ ಸನ್ನಿವೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯವಾಗಿ 3— ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗಳೂ ಸಹ ಸಪ್ಲಿಮೆಂಟರಿ ಇರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಕೇವಲ ಐದಾರೆ ಘಂಟೆ ಕಾಲ ಸಿಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಇದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಮರು ದಿವಸ ಕುಳಿತುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ತಮ್ಮ ಪೊಸಿಷನ್ನು ಅಕ್ಸರ್ಡಾಗಿ ತರುವ ಈ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ತಾವೇನಾದರೂ ತಿಳಿಬೇಕು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಪಿ. ರೇವಣಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ.—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ನಾನು 1957ನೇ ಇಸವಿಯಿಂದಲೂ ನೋಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ನಾವು ಕಳುಹಿಸಿಕೊಟ್ಟಂತ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಸರಿಯಾಗಿ ಉತ್ತರಗಳು ಬರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಇಂಥಾ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದೋ ಅಥವಾ ಎರಡೋ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗಳು ಈ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬಂದಾಗ ಆ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗಳಿಗಾದರೂ ಉತ್ತರ ಹೇಳುವದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಇಲ್ಲದಿದ್ದರೆ ಹೇಗೆ? ಶ್ರೀಮಾನ್ ರುದ್ರಪ್ಪನವರು ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯನ್ನು ಕೇಳಿದರೂ ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಯಾರೂ ಉತ್ತರ ಹೇಳಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಆಮೇಲೆ ಕಾಂಗ್ರೆಸ್ ಪಾರ್ಟಿಯ ವಿಪ್ ಅವರು ಎದ್ದು ಈ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯನ್ನು ಹೆಲ್ಡ್ ಓವರ್ ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರು. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ಈ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಈ ಸಭೆಗೆ ಇವೊತ್ತು ಬರುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಅನಾನುಕೂಲವಾಗಿದ್ದರೆ ಬೇರೆ ಯಾವ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಿಗಾದರೂ ಬರೆದು ಕಳುಹಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿತ್ತು.

Sri K. LAKKAPPA.—On a point of order, Sir. I wish to draw the attention of the Hon'ble Speaker to Rule 224 under which the Secretary shall attend every meeting of the Assembly. I have been observing from the beginning of this session that the Secretary is not attending. Another thing is that the Ministers are not replying to us properly. In these circumstances, I do not know what is the position of the House.

Sri G. V. GOWDA.—Sir, when a particular question stands in the name of a Minister and it is to be answered on a particular day, it is the

duty of that Minister to see that he is present when it is taken up here. If due to some unavoidable circumstance he could not be present, then it is his duty to inform the Speaker and request him to postpone that particular question or he can request one of his colleagues to answer the question. Neither of these things has been done. So, not only has the House been treated with scant courtesy but the Speaker has also been let down terribly and he has been ignored completely. This affects the dignity and prestige of the House.

†ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಗೋಪಾಲಗೌಡ. —ಇವರಿಂದ ಅಂಥಾ ಲೋಪ ಏನೂ ಇಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರು. ಅದು ಸರಿಯಲ್ಲ. ಇವೊತ್ತಿನ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ ಏನಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದರೆ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯನ್ನು ಸಾಕ ಎಂದು ಸದಸ್ಯರಿಗೆ ಹೇಳಿದ ಮೇಲೆ, ಅವರು ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಪ್ಲಿಮೆಂಟರಿ ಹಾಕಿ ಅದಮೇಲೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಇಲ್ಲ. ಅಥವಾ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಉತ್ತರ ಕೊಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಬೇರೆ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಯಾರೂ ಮುಂದೆ ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಗೊತ್ತಾದಮೇಲೆ ಕಾಂಗ್ರೆಸ್ ಪಕ್ಷದ ವಿಪ್‌ಅವರು ಎದ್ದು ಈ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯನ್ನು ಮುಂದೆ ಹಾಕಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರು ಇದು ಒಂದು ವಿಶೇಷ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಉಂಟುಮಾಡಿದೆ. ಇದು ಕ್ರಮಬದ್ಧವಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ತೀರ್ಮಾನ ಮಾಡುವುದಾದರೆ ಈ ಒಂದು ತೀರ್ಮಾನದ ಹಿಂದುಗಡೆ ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಬ್ಬರೂ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಈ ರೀತಿಯ ಒಂದು ಅವಕಾಶ ಉಂಟು ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗಳು ಅನೇಕ ಬಾರಿ ಈ ಸಭೆಯ ಮುಂದೆ ಬಾರದೆ ಹೋಗಬಹುದು ಕಾರಣ ಇರಲಿ ಕಾರಣ ಇಲ್ಲವೆ ಇರಲಿ ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಬ್ಬರೂ ಇಂಥಾ ಒಂದೆರಡು ಪ್ರಸಂಗಗಳು ಬರಬಹುದು. ಆಮೇಲೆ ಸದಸ್ಯರುಗಳು ಉತ್ತರಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕಾಯಬೇಕಾದ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿ ಬರಬಹುದು. ಆದರಿಂದ ಇದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ತಪ್ಪು ಹೌದೇ ಅಥವಾ ತಪ್ಪು ಅಲ್ಲವೇ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ಕೂಲಂಕಷವಾಗಿ ವಿಚಾರಮಾಡಿ ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ತೀರ್ಮಾನ ಕೊಟ್ಟರೆ ಒಳ್ಳೆಯದು ಎಂದು ನಾನು ಭಾವಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಅ ದಾನಯ್ಯ.—ಈಗ ತಾವು ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯ ಕೊಡಿಸಿದಿರಿ ಈ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಏನೋ ಕಾರ್ಯ ನಿಮಿತ್ತ ಇವೊತ್ತು ಈ ಸಭೆಗೆ ಬರುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾಗಲಿಲ್ಲ ಅದಕ್ಕೋಸ್ಕರ ಈ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯನ್ನು ಮುಂದಕ್ಕೆ ಹಾಕುತ್ತೇವೆ ಎಂದು. ಹಾಗಾದರೆ ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯನ್ನು ಕಳುಹಿಸಿರತಕ್ಕ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ತಮ್ಮ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ ಸಭೆಯ ಮುಂದೆ ಬಂದಾಗ ಗೈರು ಹಾಜರಾಗಿದ್ದರೆ ಅಂಥಾ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಆ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯನ್ನ ಮುಂದುವರಿಸುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

†ಶ್ರೀ ಎನ್. ಹುಚ್ಚಮಾಸ್ತಿಗೌಡ —ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯವಾಗಿ ಈ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯನ್ನು ಕೇಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಮುಂಚೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಈ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇಲ್ಲವೆ ಇರುವಾಗ ಆ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯನ್ನು ಹೆಲ್ಡ್ ಓವರ್ ಮಾಡತಕ್ಕ ಪದ್ಧತಿ ಇದೆ. ಈ ದಿವಸ ಏನಾಯಿತು ಎಂದರೆ ಈ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಇದ್ದಾರೆಯೇ ಅಥವಾ ಇಲ್ಲವೇ ಅವರ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಏನಾದರೂ ಬೇರೆ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ವಹಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೇ ಎನ್ನತಕ್ಕ ವಿಷಯ ಗೊತ್ತಿಲ್ಲವೆ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ಈ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯನ್ನು ಹಾಕುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಅವಕಾಶವನ್ನು ಕೊಟ್ಟರು. ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯನ್ನು ಹಾಕಿದಮೇಲೆ ಯಾರು ಉತ್ತರವನ್ನು ಕೊಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಇಲ್ಲವೆ ಇಮ್ಮಡಿಯಂದ ಆ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯನ್ನು ಹೆಲ್ಡ್ ಓವರ್ ಮಾಡಬಹುದು ಎಂದು ನಾನು ಸೂಚನೆಯನ್ನು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯವಾಗಿ ಈ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸದಸ್ಯರಿಗಿರತಕ್ಕವರೆಲ್ಲ ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಒಂದು ವಿಷಯದಲ್ಲಿ ತಮ್ಮ ಸಲಹೆಯನ್ನು ಕೊಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ಇದೆ. ವಿಪ್ ಆಗಲೀ ಅಥವಾ ಈ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಭೆಯ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಯಾರೇ ಆಗಲಿ ಏನಾದರೂ ಒಂದು ಸಲಹೆಯನ್ನ ಕೊಟ್ಟಾಗ ಅವರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ತೀರ್ಮಾನವನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳತಕ್ಕ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಿಗೆ ಅಧಿಕಾರವಿದೆ. ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯವಾಗಿ ಈ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಭೆಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರಿಗೆ ಇರಕ್ಕಂಥ ಅಧಿಕಾರವನ್ನು ಉಪಯೋಗಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ನಾನು ಸೂಚನೆಯನ್ನು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ನಾನು ಕೊಟ್ಟಂತಹ ಸೂಚನೆ ತಪ್ಪು ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿ ಈ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಭೆಯ ವಿಪ್ ಅದವರ ಅಧಿಕಾರವನ್ನು ಮೊಟಕು ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನ ಮಾಡುವುದು ಸರಿಯಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ನಾನು ನಂಬಿಕೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇನೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಶಿವಪ್ಪ —ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯವಾಗಿ ಇದುವರೆಗೆ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗಳು ಸಭೆಯ ಮುಂದೆ ಬಂದಾಗ ಅವುಗಳನ್ನು ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ಹೆಲ್ಡ್ ಓವರ್ ಮಾಡಿರತಕ್ಕದ್ದು ಎರಡು ಕಾರಣಗಳ ಮೇಲೆ ಮಾತ್ರವಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಮೊದಲು ಆ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯನ್ನು ಹಾಕಿ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳ ಹತ್ತಿರ ಸಾಕಷ್ಟು ಅಂಕಿ ಅಂಶಗಳು ಇಲ್ಲದೆ ಇರುವ ಕೆಲವು ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಂಥಾ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯನ್ನು ಮುಂದೆ ಹಾಕಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇನ್ನು ಎರಡನೆಯವಾಗಿ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗಳು ಸಭೆಯಮುಂದೆ ಬಂದಾಗ ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಹಾಜರು ಇಲ್ಲದೆ ಇರುವಾಗ ಅಂಥಾ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಮುಂದಕ್ಕೆ

(ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಶಿವಪ್ಪ)

ಹಾಕಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಆದರೆ ಇವೊತ್ತಿನ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿ ಏನಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದರೆ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯನ್ನು ಹಾಕಿದ ಮೇಲೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಈ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇಲ್ಲದೆ ಇರುವುದನ್ನು ನೋಡಿ ಟ್ರಜರಿ ಬೆಂಚಿನ ಒಬ್ಬ ಮಾನ್ಯಸದಸ್ಯರು ಈ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯನ್ನು ಮುಂದಕ್ಕೆ ಹಾಕಿ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇಂಥಾ ಒಂದು ಸಂದರ್ಭ ಈ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇದುವರೆಗೆ ಯಾವೊತ್ತೂ ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಇವೊತ್ತು ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯನ್ನು ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಕಿದಮೇಲೆ ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಇಲ್ಲದೆ ಇರುವಾಗ ಟ್ರೆಜರಿಬೆಂಚಿನಲ್ಲಿ ನಮ್ಮ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರಾದ ಶ್ರೀಮಾನ್ ಹುಚ್ಚಮಾಸ್ತಿಗೌಡರು ಎದ್ದು ಈ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯನ್ನು ಹೆರ್ಡ್ ಓವರ್ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿರತಕ್ಕದ್ದು ಈ ಸಭೆಯ ಸಂಪ್ರದಾಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ವಿಶೇಷವಾದ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿಯನ್ನು ತಂದೊಡ್ಡಿದೆ. ಹಾಗಾದರೆ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯನ್ನು ಕಳುಹಿಸಿರತಕ್ಕ ಮಾನ್ಯಸದಸ್ಯರು ಈ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇಲ್ಲದೆ ಇರುವಾಗ ಆ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ ಈ ಸಭೆಯ ಮುಂದೆ ಬಂದಾಗ ಆ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯನ್ನು ಏತಕ್ಕೆ ಹೆರ್ಡ್ ಓವರ್ ಮಾಡಬಾರದು! ಇಂಥಾ ಒಂದು ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿ ಉದ್ಭವಿಸಿದಾಗ ಯಾವರೀತಿ ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂಬುದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸರಿಯಾದ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆಮಾಡಿ ಒಂದು ರೂಲಿಂಗ್ ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ನಾನು ಹೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಗಂಗಾಧರ ನಾಮೋಷಿ.—ಶ್ರೀಮಾನ್ ಹುಚ್ಚಮಾಸ್ತಿಗೌಡರು ಆ ರೀತಿ ಆ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯನ್ನು ತಡೆಹಿಡಿಯಬೇಕೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿರುವುದು ತಪ್ಪು. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಅವರು ಈ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಭೆಗೆ ಕ್ಷಮಾಪಣೆಯನ್ನು ಕೇಳಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು, ಎಂದು ನಾನು ಹೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

† ಶ್ರೀ ಕುಂದೂರು ರುದ್ರಪ್ಪ.—ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯನ್ನು ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಹಾಕಿದ ಮೇಲೆ ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಉತ್ತರವನ್ನು ಕೊಡಲು ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಇಲ್ಲದೆ ಇದ್ದುದರಿಂದ ಶ್ರೀಮಾನ್ ಹುಚ್ಚಮಾಸ್ತಿಗೌಡರು ಆ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯನ್ನು ಹೆರ್ಡ್ ಓವರ್ ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರು. ಅದರೂ ಕೂಡ ಆ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯನ್ನು ಹೆರ್ಡ್ ಓವರ್ ಮಾಡದೆ ಆ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯ ಮೇಲೆ ಚರ್ಚೆಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಇಷ್ಟೊಂದು ಅವಕಾಶವನ್ನು ಕೊಟ್ಟರೆ ನನಗೇಕೋ ಭಯವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಿಗೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಮೇಲೆ ಸ್ವಲ್ಪಕರುಣೆ ಇರಬೇಕು. ಈ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗಳು ಬಂದಾಗ ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಹಾಜರಿದ್ದು ಆ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ ಉತ್ತರ ಕೊಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು ಮತ್ತು ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗಳು ಸಭೆಯಮುಂದೆ ಬಂದಾಗ ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಸದಸ್ಯರುಗಳು ಈ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇಲ್ಲದ ಇದ್ದರೆ ಅಂಥಾ ಸಂದರ್ಭಗಳಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಆ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯನ್ನು ಹೆರ್ಡ್ ಓವರ್ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಅವಕಾಶವನ್ನು ಕೊಡಬೇಕು ಮತ್ತು ಈಗ ಶ್ರೀಮಾನ್ ಹುಚ್ಚಮಾಸ್ತಿಗೌಡರು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದು ಸರಿಯಾಗಿದೆ. ಅವರೇನೂ ಕ್ಷಮಾಪಣೆ ಕೇಳಬೇಕಾಗಿಲ್ಲ.

† ಶ್ರೀ ಪಿ. ಎಂ. ದೇವ್ (ಗುಬ್ಬಿ).—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ತಮ್ಮ ತೀರ್ಮಾನದ ಹಿನ್ನೆಲೆ ಎಲ್ಲ ಅಂಶಗಳನ್ನೂ ಒಳಗೊಂಡಿರಬೇಕು. ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಜರಿದ್ದ ಒಬ್ಬ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಾಗಲೀ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯನ್ನು ಮುಂದಕ್ಕೆ ಹಾಕಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಉತ್ತರಕೊಡಲು ಯಾರೂ ತಯಾರಾಗಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ ಎನ್ನುವುದೂ ಗೊತ್ತು. ಅಂಥ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಒಳಾಡಳಿತ ಸಚಿವರು ಒಂದು ಉತ್ತರ ಕೊಡುತ್ತೇನೆ ಎಂದರು ಅದರಿಂದ ಏನೂ ಗೊತ್ತಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದರೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಕಂಟಿನ್‌ಷನ್ ಸರಿ ಎಂದು ಈ ಸಭೆಗೆ ಮಾನ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಎಷ್ಟು ಗೌರವ ಸಲ್ಲಿಬೇಕಾಗಿತ್ತೋ ಅಷ್ಟನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೇ ಎನ್ನುವುದು ವಿಚಿತ್ರ. ಈ ದೃಷ್ಟಿಯಿಂದ ತಾವು ತಮ್ಮ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಚರಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ಹೆಜ್ಜೆ ಮುಂದೆ ಹೋಗಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ನಿಜವಾಗಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರದಿಂದ ಸಮಜಾಯಿಸಿ ಕೇಳಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಪಾಪಾ ಹುಚ್ಚಮಾಸ್ತಿಗೌಡರು ಏಹಪ್ ಆಗಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಅವರು ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿಯುತವಾಗಿ ವರ್ತಿಸಲು ಅವರನ್ನು ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ಪುಶ್‌ಅಪ್ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು. ಈ ಎಲ್ಲ ಅಂಶಗಳನ್ನೂ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆ ಮಾಡಿ ತಮ್ಮ ತೀರ್ಮಾನವನ್ನು ಕೊಡಬೇಕು ಸ್ವಾಮಿ.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Now two points have been raised. One point raised by Sri Angadi Channabasappa is whether it is proper on the part of the Minister Sri Devaraj Urs not to have intimated the chair I may inform the House that I have not received any intimation about his absence today. Whether it was proper on his part not to have intimated the House that he would not be able to come or whether he should not have made alternative arrangement by entrusting the file to somebody else or in the second alternative whether it was not possible

for any of the other Ministers to have taken the file and replied to the interpellations, are the points that arise. I wish to say only this much from practical experience. Several times it does happen that as members of the Bar we take a file home with us. If I want to have concentrated study I just take the whole file home and go and study the whole thing. Nobody knows where the file is and if I am unable to come to the court the next day my junior colleagues will not be able to tell the court what has happend to the file or how best it could be solved. This is not a case where the Minister has deliberately failed to be present here. The reason for his absence is yet to be known. It is quite possible that the car in which he was travelling had a breakdown and he therefore has not been able to come nor could he directly communicate as he has not got a wireless set.

Sri ANGADI CHANNABASAPPA.— He is Transport Minister.

Mr. SPEAKER.—So we must wait for a day or two when we will have all the facts, let not the mambers be over anxious to judge the issue before knowing the full facts.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಗೋಪಾಲಗೌಡ.— ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ನಾನು ಒಂದು ವಿಚಾರವನ್ನು ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಹೇಳಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.....

Mr. SPEAKER.—Let the member not do that. There must be a limit. The member must be able to contain the few thoughts that enter his mind,

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಗೋಪಾಲಗೌಡ.—ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕುಳಿತಿರುವ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಇದ್ದಾರೆ.....

Mr. SPEAKER,—Let the member comfine his thought till I have finished and then if he asks for permission and if I feel it proper I will allow him to speak. It is not permitted under the rules for the member to get up and go on asking for something when the speaker is on his legs especially when I have made a request that I am under a serious handicap and that I am not able to make myself heard well. I have appealed to members and I have told him more than once. I gave the members a chance and I heard them in full and then I asked if anybody had got any thing to add. The Hon. Member never got up then and now he is disturbing when I am on my legs. After all, there is a limit to the criticism that members can make. I am allowing criticism to a great extent, but I cannot allow it if it exceeds the limit

I was mentioning that we were not aware of the circumstances under which the Minister for Transport had not been able to come or entrust the questions to any one of his colleagues in the cabinet. Even then, was it necessary for the members to spend 45 minutes of the House on this issue like this?

Sri ANGADI CHANNABASAPPA.—I rise to a point of order. I see one of the Minister is on his legs talking to somebody in the officer's gallery when the Speaker is on his legs. Is it proper?

Mr. SPEAKER.—Am I on my legs? I am seated.

Sri G. V. GOWDA.—Whenever the Speaker speaks it is presumed that he is on his legs.

Mr SPEAKER.—The Speaker is entitled to address even while he is sitting. At the moment I am not on my legs but on my seat.

So, as I was saying, that it was too early for us to judge the issue without knowing the full facts. I am unable to see what injury would be caused if this question is held over As to why the Minister did not come, we shall hold an enquiry if it is necessary and we can find out what the facts are. If he was unable to infrom his colleagues there must be some extraordinary circumstance and we must have a little patience I am going to hold over all the questions put down for to-day

Question hour is over. All the questions will be held over for tomorrow.

I have not dealt with the point of order raised by Sri Kundur Rudrappa. There is absolutely no point of order in what he said.

10-30 A.M.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA (Sira).—Sir, the Upper House is not sitting tomorrow for the sake of Ugadi. May I know whether you have thought about the sitting of this House tomorrow ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—I have not thought anything about it. Before I apply my mind to it, the parties must come to some understanding and tell if a decision is possible.

Sri B. D JATTI.—It is always better not to be guided by the Upper House. They have less work during the udget Session since the Demands are not discussed there. It is better if we work in the morning if evening is not suitable. If any one wants to go, let him go. The Assembly is important in the sense that all money matters and financial matters are to be passed only by this House. The Upper House is only to discuss them. Their responsibility is limited but our responsibility is greater. Instead of meeting tomorrow in the evening we may meet in the morning. If we want to rise early I suggest we may drop even the question hour and if you agree it will be good.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Sir, he has made a wrong statement that this House is important and the other House is not important, we have more work and the Upper House has little work. On a previous occasion when it was asked whether he would abolish the Upper House he said that he has no voice because the Members of both the Houses command equal respect.

Sri B. D. JATTI.—I want to clarify. Let us not enter into controversy. Here the Demands are discussed one after another. In the Other House the Demands are not discussed. From that point of view this House has much importance. I am not saying that Sri C. J. Muckannappa is superior to any M. L. C. or Sri B. D. Jatti is superior to any M. L. C.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO (Minister for Law).—Sir, may I submit that in the other House on Fridays non-official business is usually transacted, Yesterday some member, of the House represented to the Chair that in view of the New Year's Day celebrations due to be observed on the 14th the House might abjourn on Thursday, so that the non-official business

put down might be postponed. That was the reason why the other House is not sitting tomorrow.

Sri B. D. JATTI.—Let us sit tomorrow in the morning.

Mr. SPEAKER.—What are the Demands put down for tomorrow ?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—About that also I want to explain the position. Yesterday I just enquired the doctors and also the Chief Minister. I have been told by the doctors and the Chief Minister that the latter has been asked to take rest for at least 8 to 10 days. The Chief Minister on the advise of the doctors has requested that the Demands coming under his portfolio might be taken up on the last day. The other Ministers are prepared to have their respective Demands advanced by one day. I hope the House will accept my proposal and adjust the business.

Mr. SPEAKER.—So, tomorrow there will be P.W.D. Demand.

MEMBERS.—All right.

(MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER in the Chair)

Calling attention to a matter of urgent Public importance, *i. e.* burning of fodder Stacks in the Suburban Village of Keshav pur.

Sri C. S. HULKOTI (Mundargi).—Sir, I beg to call the attention of the Minister for Home to a matter of urgent public importance, namely burning of about 15 fodder stacks in the suburban village of Keshavapur on 6-3-1964.

†Sri R. M. PATIL.—Mr. Speaker, in response to the Call Attention Notice, I beg to narrate the facts concerned in this incident. On 6-3-1964 at about 7 p.m. 91 hay-stacks at Keshavapur in Hubli was set fire. It was an open yard wherein 91 hay stacks had been stocked. There was no enclosure and it had access to the public as well. Ordinarily the neighbouring people used to make use of this place and the round about place for the purpose of answering calls of nature. The fire took place about 7 p.m. and only 5 stacks were remaining. The rest had been completely burnt. When the news of fire spread the fire operators took the fire engines from Corporation and one engine from the railways and they rushed to the place of accident. They tried their level best to put down the fire. As the wind was powerful they could control the fire after a long time and they were in a position to save only 5 stacks. As a result of this a loss to the tune of Rs 72,000 has been caused. The revenue authorities have already made tentative arrangements to distribute Rs 32,500 by way of taccavi as well as assistance. This is a purely an accident and no persons have been suspected and as such this case has not been registered. The Superintendent of Police, Dharwar and all his officers were present immediately after the fire took place and these 59 people are to be given taccavi loan and other assistance. So far, 50 people have